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FORMER NASA CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE CHARGED

On April 3, 2000, Patrick M. Montgomery, a former employee of Science Applications International Corporation, a NASA contractor at the Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, OH was charged with accessing various unauthorized pornographic Internet web-sites and chat rooms from a Government computer work station and providing his computer remote access system password to an unauthorized person. Montgomery was charged in a one count criminal information in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, OH with violating the regulations promulgated by the Administrator of NASA, a violation of Title 18 USC Section 799.

Science Applications International Corporation is a Glenn support services contractor, providing environmental support services throughout the Glenn Research Center. From July 1998 to July 1999, Montgomery was assigned to support the Environmental and Risk Management Office at Glenn. It was during this time that he accessed various unauthorized pornographic Internet web-sites and chat rooms from a Government computer workstation. Montgomery also gave his remote access password to his juvenile-aged son, enabling the son to access the NASA Glenn computer system from home, in violation of the rules and regulations of NASA

This investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Criminal Investigations and Computer Crimes Division, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Robert Kern, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, (216) 622-3836.

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